FILED RECEIVED **ENTERED** SERVED ON COUNSEL/PARTIES OF RECORD 1 ROGER A. BERGMANN State Bar No. 733 FEB 1 8 2011 A Professional Corporation 3 4947 W. Lakeridge Terrace Lane CLERK US DISTRICT COURT Reno, Nevada 89509 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 4 Attorney for Garry D. Stone, Water Master DEPUTY 5 6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA 7 8 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. Plaintiff, 10 vs. 11 IN EQUITY No. A-3 LDG ORR WATER DITCH COMPANY, et al., Defendant. 13 ORDER APPROVING WATER MASTER'S BUDGET FOR 14 2010-2011; CREATING AN ASSESSMENT TO REPLENISH THE FUND HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED TO PAY THE 15 EXPENSE OF CONDUCTING THE WATER MASTER'S OFFICE; CREATING A SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TO 16 CONTINUE THE FUND HERETOFORE ESTABLISHED TO PAY THE EXPENSE OF SPECIAL ADMINISTRATION 17 OF STEAMBOAT CREEK AND THE WASHOE LAKE OR UPPER STEAMBOAT CREEK AND THE WASHOE LAKE 18 RESERVOIR; APPORTIONING THE COSTS THEREOF; AND PROVIDING THE MANNER AND METHOD FOR COLLEC-19 TION THEREOF; AND APPROVING THE WATER MASTER'S ADMINISTRATION OF THE DECREE FOR 2009-2010 20 21 BE IT REMEMBERED that the petition of GARRY D. STONE, Water 22Master appointed herein to administer the Final Decree entered on 23September 8, 1944, asking that an assessment be created to 24 replenish the fund heretofore established to pay the expenses of 25 conducting the office of the Water Master, and a special assessment 26 be created to replenish the fund heretofore established to pay the 27 expense of his special administration of Steamboat or Galena Creek, 28

1 Washoe Creek or Upper Steamboat Creek and the Washoe Lake 2 Reservoir, and approving the Water Master's administration of the 3 Decree for 2009-2010, and approving the audit for 2009-2010, and 4 for such other action as might seem meet and proper in the 5 premises, filed with the Clerk of this Court on December 6, 2010. 6 having come on for hearing this date pursuant to proper notice, and [7] all parties having the opportunity to be heard on objections filed, 8 and good cause appearing,

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

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- That the estimated general budget for the period from 11 October 1, 2010, to September 30, 2011, submitted by the Water 12 Master on December 6, 2010, as part of his petition, is hereby 13||approved.
- That in order to provide a means for the payment of 2. 15 further expense of conducting the office of the Water Master, 16 particularly for the period from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 17 2011, there is hereby created an assessment in the sum of FOUR 18 HUNDRED THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$435,000.00) to replenish the 19 fund heretofore established, and that the same be, and hereby is 20 apportioned to be paid and borne as provided in the Final Decree, 21||to wit:

One-third by the United States of America, one-third by the Sierra Pacific Power Company, and the remaining one-third by the remaining persons or corporations whose rights are adjudicated by this Decree.

That the Truckee-Carson Irrigation District and the 3.

1 the remaining persons or corporations whose rights were adjudicated $2 \mid \text{by this Decree}$ and whose lands are within the boundaries of the 3 Washoe County Water Conservation District in the amount of SIXTY-4|FIVE PERCENT (65%) of their apportioned one-third shares of the 5 total assessments provided for in this Decree, being the sum of 6 NINETY-FOUR THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$94,250.00); that 7| Washoe County Water Conservation District be, and it hereby is, 8 directed to allocate said sum among it members as aforesaid, \mathfrak{g} according to a schedule of charges based upon acreage, including minimum charges applicable to fractional acreage, which schedule 11 shall be subject to the approval of the Water Master, and that the 12 Washoe County Water Conservation District shall pay the aforesaid 13 sums collected by such District for the Water Master on or before 14 April 1, 2011.

That the remaining persons or corporations whose rights 16 were adjudicated by this Decree and whose lands are outside of the 17 boundaries of the Washoe County Water Conservation District be, and 18 hereby are, ordered and directed to pay THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT (35%) 19 of their apportioned one-third share of the total assessments 20 provided for in this Decree, being the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$50,750.00); that the Water Master, GARRY D. $22|| exttt{STONE}$, be, and hereby is, directed to collect such sums as 23| aforesaid according to a schedule of charges, which charges shall be paid to the Water Master on or before April 1, 2011, as follows: The minimum assessment of SIXTEEN DOLLARS AND 50 CENTS (\$16.50) $_{26}||$ against those parties owning fifty (50) acre-feet or less; against 27 those parties owning more than fifty (50) acre-feet, the sum of

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1 THIRTY-THREE CENTS (\$.33) for each acre-foot.

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- That the Water Master, GARRY D. STONE, be, and hereby is, 3 directed to continue to maintain as part of the Water Master's 4 fund, a separate bank account or accounts known as the "Excess 5 Payment Account" heretofore established pursuant to an order of $|\mathbf{6}|$ this Court, only as to the assessments collected from the remaining 7 persons or corporations whose lands are outside the boundaries of 8 the Washoe County Water Conservation District, and who are 9 responsible for THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT (35%) of their apportioned one-[10] third share of the total assessments provided for in this Decree; 11 and that any excess sums which are collected and deposited in said 12 account shall be held in such account, and subject to disbursement 13 only as may be directed from time to time by this Court.
- That the Water Master's estimated excess payments account 9. 15 budget for the period from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011, [6] submitted by the Water Master on December 6, 2010, as part of his 17 petition herein, is hereby approved.
- 10. That the Water Master's report and audit for the fiscal 19 year ending September 30, 2010, heretofore filed with the court, is 20 hereby approved.
- That the Water Master is granted authority to continue 22 the additional duties of supplying hydraulic data and assisting in 23||the coordination of the operation of the Prosser Creek and Stampede 24 Reservoirs in the State of California pursuant to a request 25||therefore made by the Bureau of Reclamation of the United States 26|Department of the Interior, his services in that connection to be 27 compensated for at a sum not to exceed ONE HUNDRED FORTY-FIVE

1 THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$145,000.00) per year; that the Prosser Creek and 2|Stampede Reservoirs' operation budget for the period from October $3|_{1}$, 2010, to September 30, 2011, submitted by the Water Master on Petition filed December 6, 2010, is hereby approved.

- 12. That all monies collected from the Bureau of Reclamation $6|\mathsf{pf}|$ the United States Department of the Interior pursuant to this 7|Drder shall be deposited by the Water Master in a special fund of 8 the Water Master's office.
- That the Water Master shall include in the annual report 10 and audit by a certified public accountant, required to be filed by 11 him with the Court on or before January 15, 2012, a report 12 concerning his services rendered the Bureau of Reclamation of the 13 United States of the Interior for the period ending on September 14 30, 2011, and an audit of the monies collected and expended by him 15 in connection with such services.
- That the Budget submitted by the Water Master on December 17 6, 2010, as an Exhibit "B" (Special Fund) to his petition, as the 18 necessary expenses to be incurred by the Water Master in 19 administrating the provisions of the Final Decree relating to 20 Steamboat or Galena Creek, Washoe Creek or Upper Steamboat Creek 21 and the Washoe Lake Reservoir from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 22||20110, is hereby approved.
- That in order to provide a means for the payment of the 24 additional necessary expenses to be incurred by the Water Master in 25 administering the provisions of the Final Decree relating to Steamboat or Galena Creek, Washoe Creek or Upper Steamboat Creek 27 and the Washoe Lake Reservoir for the period from October 1, 2010,

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1 to September 30, 2011, there are hereby created special assessments 2 in the total sum of SEVENTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS 3||(\$17,500.00), more or less, as shown in the Special Assessment Roll on the records of the Water Master, to continue the fund heretofore established on July 27, 1962, by an Order of this Court for special 6 administration.

- That the water users named in the Special Assessment Roll on the records of the Water Master, be, and they hereby are, ordered and directed to pay the office of the Water Master the sums 10 of money specified as their share of such special assessments in such Special Assessment Roll on or before April 1, 2011.
- 17. That all monies collected as such special assessments 13 pursuant to this order, shall be deposited by the Water Master in 14 a special fund of the Water Master's office.
- That the Water Master shall include in the annual report 16 and audit by a certified public accountant, required to be filed by 17 him with the Court on or before January 15, 2012, a report concerning his special administration of the water of Galena or Steamboat Creek, Washoe Creek or Upper Steamboat Creek and the Washoe Lake Reservoir for the period from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011, and an audit of the special assessment monies collected and expended by him in the supervision of such stream 23 system for said period.
 - That the Water Master shall continue to operate the reservoirs of Boca and Lake Tahoe.
- That each and all of the various assessments and special 27 assessments above stated and apportioned to the various parties

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1|hereto are hereby adjudged to the extent of the various assessments 2 and special assessments to be a charge and obligation taxable and 3| payable as costs in this action, the same as if entered in a 4 judgment or decree, and to be and remain until paid, a first lien, 5 against all right, title and interest of the above-named 6 defendants, intervenors, parties or persons, and their predecessors 7 and successors in interest, in the lands, ditches, water and water 8 rights and works owned or claimed by them, or as shown, appearing, 9 mentioned or described in the findings or in the papers in this 10 case.

That if any of the sums so assessed, apportioned and 21. 12 allowed remain unpaid thirty (30) days after the date mentioned for 13 the payment thereof, attachments for contempt may issue against the 14 party or parties failing to make any payments so ordered to be 15 made, and execution may issue for the recovery, satisfaction or 16 obtaining of payment thereof against the parties, intervenors or 17 persons liable for the payment thereof as above allowed, and 18 against their right, title and interest in the lands, ditches. 19 water and water rights and works, and other property, whether 20 conveyed after the commencement of this suit or not; and the same 21 may be seized and sold to pay and satisfy such amount so allowed 22 and remaining unpaid, together with costs, the same as in cases of 23 foreclosure of mortgage and liens, or upon judgment in ordinary 24 actions at law or in equity, and the Water Master is hereby 25 authorized and empowered to shut off the water of any party failing 26 to make any payments assessed against him or her, or his or her 27 water rights, at the time or times at which the same should be

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1 made, such water to remain shut off until such time as any such payments shall be made, and the costs of shutting off such water 3|shall be assessed against any such party.

- That the Water Master, GARRY STONE, be, and hereby is. 22. directed to continue in effect the surety bond in the sum of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) heretofore provided pursuant to his 7 order of appointment for the faithful performance of his duties as custodian of such funds and the property that may be in his care.
- That the operation and administration of the Water 10 Master's office in administering the provisions of the Final Decree 11 for the period from October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010, is 12 hereby approved.
- That the parties in interest must notify the office of 14 the Water Master when title to a water right is changed, and that 15 the Water Master shall not be required to deliver water to any new 16 owner unless written notice of such change is received by the Water 17 Master's office.
- That the Water Master is directed to create a funded 19 account pursuant to existing Personnel and Benefits Policy to cover 20 the cost of continuing health insurance on qualified personnel, 21 upon their retirement, and that the cost shall be included in the 22 Water Master's Budget each year until such time as the earned 23||benefit is exhausted.
- 26. That the Clerk of this Court give notice of the required 25 payments to be made by each water user by mailing a copy of this Order and the Notice annexed hereto to each of the attorney's appearing of record for the Plaintiff and sundry Defendants in this

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cause within five (5) days of the entry of this Order; the Water 2 Master is further directed to give such notice to the parties 3 hereto and their successors and assigns by publishing a copy of the Notice annexed hereto in the Reno Gazette-Journal once a week for two (2) successive weeks.

This Order is made subject to such further orders as the Court may deem proper to make hereafter regarding this Order for the compensation or expenses of the Water Master and his assistants or the payment thereof,

DATED this // day of // LO